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AF/N FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY

EO 11652: NA

SUBJECT: SAHELIAN DROUGHT EMERGENCY: HIGH PROTEIN FOODS

SUMMARY: IN RECENT CONTACTS WITH GIRM MINFORNAFFS AND MINHEALTH, BOTH EMPHASIZED GROWING NEED FOR HIGH PROTEIN, OR FORTIFIED FOODS AND DIET SUPPLEMENTS TO EMERGENCY GRAIN BEING DISTRIBUTED. LOCAL UNICEF REP AGREES ON NEED FOR ADDITIONAL HIGH PROTEIN FOODS AND IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL CSM OR LIKE COMMODITIES THROUGH HIS AGENCY.

ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND AID/W MAKE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS OF ITEMS SUCH AS CSM, SOYA FORTIFIED SORGHUM GRITS, POWDERED MILK, OR BULGAR TO MEET ABOVE IDENTIFIED NEEDS.

1. BOTH FORNMIN MOUKNASS AND GIRM DROUGHT RELIEF COORDINATOR MINHEALTH OULD BAH HAVE APPROACHED EMBASSY IN PAST WEEK REQUESTING USG DONATE ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES HIGH-PROTEIN FOODS. MINHEALTH TOLD CHARGE AND UNICEF REP HE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH NUTRITIONAL QUALITIES AMERICAN CSM, WHICH MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH UNICEF LAST YEAR. UNICEF PLANS PROVIDE 600 MT CSM IN 1974, AND MINHEALTH HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL 400 MT FOR USE IN RED CRESCENT AND OTHER CHILD-FEEDING PROGRAMS.

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2. IN FEB 5 CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, MINHEALTH ALSO EMPHASIZED

NEED FOR ADDITIONAL POWDERED MILK AND EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN OBTAINING BUTTER OIL, BULGAR (WHICH CAN BE USED LOCALLY TO MAKE FAVORITE MOORISH CONSCOUS DISHES) AND FORTIFIED SORGHUM GRITS. FED/EEC HAS PLEDGED 2,00 MT MILK POWDER AND 1,000 MT BUTTER OIL FOR 1974, LEAVING GIRM ABOUT 4,000 MT SHORT OF ESTIMATED NEEDS MILK POWDER AND 3,000 MT SHORT ESTIMATED NEEDS BUTTER OIL. (FYI. EXPLAINED TO MINISTER THAT DUE HIGH US CONSUMPTION, CURRENT HIGH PRICES AND RISING EXPORT DEMAND, WE UNLIKELY BE ABLE SUPPLY ANY TYPE EDIBLE OILS. END FYI.)

3. REQUEST TELEGRAPHIC REPLY OUTLINING AVAILABILITIES ABOVE-MENTIONED COMMODITIES OR POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTES. SHURTLEFF

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